

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7075

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Walter Matthew "Matt" Headden of Oliver Springs.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Walter Matthew "Matt" Headden; and

WHEREAS, Matt Headden was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Harriman on April 19, 1972, Mr. Headden grew up in Oakdale, where he graduated from high school in 1990, thereafter spending four years at Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens, where he played football, and then transferring to Tennessee Technological University to complete his degree in secondary education; and

WHEREAS, weeks after graduating from college, Matt Headden was hired to teach world history at Oliver Springs High School, where he completed his twenty-eighth year of teaching this past May; and

WHEREAS, his tenure in education included a few years of coaching middle school football and beginning a golf program at the school; his passion, however, was coaching softball, which he did for twenty-five years, during which time his teams won more than a dozen district and regional championships, made two appearances in the state tournament, and accumulated approximately 475 wins; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his love of teaching and coaching, Mr. Headden was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his four sisters, Traci (Kerry) Brown, Regina Headden, Tammi Cofer, and Melissa (Frank) Coley; nieces and nephews, Christy (Cory) Price, Caitlin Brown, Cassie Brown, Jessica (Donnie) Buck, Samantha (Matt) Taylor, Trevor Cofer, Paige (Brandon) Presswood, Jenna (Ronnie) Cofer, and Wyatt (Micaela Goins) Coley; grandnieces and grandnephews, Olivia Coffey, Vivian Buck, Autumn Taylor, Isla Belle Taylor, LoLo Price, Randy Price, Lillie Price, Marlie Cofer, Rowan Cofer, and Oliver Presswood; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Young and Wilma Jean (Pogue) Headden; his paternal grandparents, Lorenz and Artas (Phillips) Headden; his maternal grandparents, Bill and Pauline (Holland) Pogue; his brother-in-law, Eddie Cofer; and three paternal uncles, two maternal aunts, and several first cousins; and

WHEREAS, Matt Headden leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of *Walter Matthew "Matt" Headden*, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Headden.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.